



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 53 KBB 2006

EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY - HURRICANE RITA

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 53 KBB 2005, issued on September 20, 2005, declared a state of emergency for the state of Louisiana due to Hurricane Rita's potential to cause severe storms, high winds, and torrential rain that could cause flooding and damage to private property and public facilities, and threaten the safety and security of the citizens of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, On September 23, 2005, Hurricane Rita struck Louisiana resulting in severe flooding and damage to the southwestern part of the state of Louisiana which has threatened the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, along with private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, the extreme damage caused by Hurricane Rita continues to cause disaster and emergency conditions in the most affected area;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to renew Proclamation No. 53 KBB 2005, as extended by Proclamation Nos. 60 KBB 2005, 67 KBB 2005, 74 KBB 2005, 9 KBB 2006, 15 KBB 2006, 19 KBB 2006, 23 KBB 2006, 28 KBB 2006, 38 KBB 2006, 44 KBB 2006, and 49 KBB 2006 to further extend the state of emergency due to the continuation of emergency/disaster conditions;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency/disaster is declared to continue to exist in state of Louisiana due to Hurricane Rita, which resulted in severe storm damage and extreme flooding to private property and public facilities, and continues to threaten the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state of Louisiana.

SECTION 2: The state of emergency is extended for an additional thirty (30) days through Friday, October 20, 2006, unless terminated sooner.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 15th day of September, 2006.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Al Ater
SECRETARY OF STATE